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SUBJECT: GVN AND PRG BILATERAL DELEGATIONS REACT TO
GISCARD'S STATEMENT

1. BOTH, THE GVN AND PRG DELEGATIONS TO THE PARIS
BILATERALS HAVE ISSUED PUBLIC STATEMENTS REACTING TO
PRESIDENT GISCARD D'ESTAING'S APRIL 9 DECLARATION ON
VIETNAM. ACCORDING TO AFP, THE PRG REITERATED ITS
POSITION THAT ANY "CONSTRUCTIVE" INITIATIVE MUST AIM
AT, FIRST, STOPPING US "INTERFERENCE" IN SOUTH VIETNAM
AND, SECONDLY, REPLACING THE "NGUYEN VAN THIEU CLIQUE"
WITH A GOVERNMENT FAVORING "PEACE, INDEPENDENCE,
DEMOCRACY, AND NATIONAL CONCORD AND ACCEPTING TO
IMPLEMENT THE PARIS ACCORD SERIOUSLY". THE GVN
DECLARATION WAS PUBLISHED IN THE NAME OF NGUYEN XUAN
PHONG, THE ACTING DELEGATION HEAD, AND STRESSED THAT THE
GVN HAD REPEATEDLY MADE PROPOSALS FOR ESTABLISHING AN
NCNRC, ONLY TO HAVE THEM REJECTED BY THE COMMUNISTS.

2. AN INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF THE FULL TEXT OF PHONG'S
STATEMENT FROM THE ORIGINAL FRENCH FOLLOWS BELOW.
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3. THE DECLARATION MADE TODAY BY THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT
CONCERNING THE SETTLEMENT OF THE CONFLICT IN VIETNAM
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CORRESPONDS TO THE CONSTANT POSITION OF THE DELEGATION

OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM AT THE CONFERENCE OF LA
CELLE ST. CLOUD. (THE RVN DELEGATION) HAS NOT CEASED TO
MAKE REPEATED OVERTURES AND CONCRETE PROPOSALS, INCLUD-
ING PRECISE DATES FOR THE FORMATION OF THE NATIONAL
COUNCIL OF RECONCILIATION COMPOSED OF THREE EQUAL
PARTIES TO ORGANIZE GENERAL ELECTIONS IN SOUTH VIETNAM,
WITH A VIEW TO REALIZING THE POLITICAL PROCESS FORESEEN
IN ARTICLE 12 OF THE PARIS ACCORD.

4. UNFORTUNATELY, ALL THESE PROPOSALS WERE SYSTEMATICAL-
LY REJECTED BY THE COMMUNIST SIDE, WHICH SHOWS CLEARLY
IN THE PRESENT GENERAL OFFENSIVE THAT IT HAS OPTED FOR
THE MILITARY SOLUTION, INSTEAD OF SEEKING IN A TRUE
NEGOTIATION A PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO THE CONFLICT BASED ON
THE PARIS ACCORD AND ON STRICT RESPECT FOR THE SOUTH
VIETNAMESE PEOPLE'S RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION. END
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